REMARKS

Examiner Lauchman's telephone call is appreciated. The claims are now presented in the amendment format prescribed by 37 CFR §1.173. The changes required by the Office as set forth on page 3 of the Office action of July 6, 2005 have been made. Save for these changes, the underlining employed in the amendment filed 2 September 2003 have been retained.

In view of the above amendments and the discussion relating thereto, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's representative would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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